

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1841

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Steven A. Tolman**  
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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to promote community service for minor offenses.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven A. Tolman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01032 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR MINOR OFFENSES.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. The Boston Municipal Court shall operate a pilot program whereby offenders  
2 otherwise qualified under Chapter 276A, Sections 2-3 of the General Laws shall be offered the option of  
3 an order to perform community service in lieu of complaint. If the offender successfully completes the  
4 community service which is ordered then no record of the offense shall be recorded. If the offender fails  
5 to perform the community service as ordered then the complaint shall be filed and the offender shall be  
6 summonsed to court forthwith. The Boston Municipal Court shall report on the pilot program no later  
7 than December 31, 2008 by filing a report with the chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and  
8 Homeland Security and the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.